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Governor Parnell Extends Benefits to Seniors

August 6, 2014, Anchorage, Alaska – Governor Sean Parnell today signed legislation extending the sunset date for the Alaska Senior Benefits Payment Program. The program provides benefits to nearly 11,000 of Alaska’s most financially vulnerable seniors. Depending on their level of income, Alaskans over the age of 65 can apply for and receive payments ranging from \$125 to \$250 a month for basic needs.

“I appreciate Representative Mike Hawker’s work on this legislation that will continue important assistance to our treasured seniors,” Governor Parnell said.

House Bill 263 extends the program to June 30, 2018.

Governor Parnell also signed Senate Concurrent Resolution 17. The resolution commemorates the 150th anniversary of the purchase of Alaska and urges Alaska communities to plan activities and events in 2017 marking the occasion.

Photos from the bill signing are available at:

<http://gov.alaska.gov/parnell/multimedia/photo-album.html?album=800>

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